(b) The State Governments have to send Project Concept Note/ Preliminary Project Report through the concerned line Ministries Jo the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). The project of the State Government should fall within the Plan priorities and have the necessary clearances. Thereafter, considering the overall priorities, DEA poses the project to suitable development partner.

(c) to (f) The progress of externally-aided projects is regularly monitored by the project implementation authorities, State Governments and the concerned Administrative Central Ministries/Departments. Department of Economic Affairs also monitors the projects periodically for which a Project Management Unit has been established in the Department of Economic Affairs.

Outstanding dues of Banks against States

*378. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dues of certain Nationalized Banks are outstanding against some State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, till date, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for the dues remaining outstanding; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for recovery of the said dues?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Banks do not lend directly to State Governments. However, they invest in State Government securities and State Government guaranteed bonds issued by the State Government entities, and lend to the public undertakings/corporate bodies/autonomous entities, with or without the guarantee of State Governments, RBI has reported that while there has been no default in SLR Bonds issued by State Governments, some nationalized banks have informed about actual/proposed unilateral reduction in interest rates/pre payment of State Government guaranteed bonds and some dues guaranteed by State Government, in view of the financial position of State Governments/their entities.

(d) Banks have taken steps for recovery of their dues from the defaulting entities of the State Governments in accordance with their recovery policies and RBI guidelines which provide for restructuring of loans, One Time Settlement of dues, filing of cases in Courts/Debt Recovery Tribunals, etc.

Drainage of rain water in N.E. Region

*379. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on the quantity of

rain water in percentage that drains away down the hills and crop-fields during every rainy season, particularly in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Govemment propose to take to check the useless drainage arid upgrade the water catchment programme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The average annual precipitation in the country has been estimated as 4000 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM). The average annual water availability after counting for tosses in the form of evaporation and transpiration through vegetation works out to 1869 BCM. All the available water cannot be utilized due to topographical and hydrological constrains and the utilizable water has been assessed as 1123 BCM, of which 433 BCM is annual replenishable ground water. The break up of water availability basin-wise is as shown in the enclosed Statement *(See* below,).

(d) With a view to optimally utilize the available resources, several measures for development and management of water resources such as creation of storages, construction of check dams, watershed management, rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water and better management practices are undertaken by respective State Governments.

Statement

Water availability of river basins of India

SI. No.	River Basin	Average annual water availability (BCM)
1	2	3
1.	Indus	73.3
2.	Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna	
	(a) Ganga	525
	(b) Brahmaputra	537.2
	(c) Barak & others	48.4
3.	Godavari	110.5
4.	Krishna	78.1
5.	Cauvery	21.4
6.	Subernarekha	12.4

1	2	3
7.	Brahmani-Baitarni	28.5
8.	Mahanadi	66.9
9.	Pennar	6.3
10.	Mahi	11
11.	Sabarmati	3.8
12.	Narmada	45.6
13.	Tapi	14.9
14.	West Flowing Rivers from Tapi to Tadri	87.4
15.	West Flowing Rivers from Tadri to Kanyakumari	113.5
16.	East Flowing Rivers between Mahanadi and Pennar	22.5
17.	East Flowing Rivers between Pennar & Kanyakumari	16.5
18.	West Flowing Rivers of Kutch and Saurashtra including Luni	5.1
19.	Area of Inland Drainage in Rajasthan	Negl.
20.	Minor Rivers draining into Myanmar (Burma) and Bangladesh	31
	TOTAL:	1,869.4

Exploration trarget of ONGC

*380. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any specific targets for ONGG in the matter of exploration;

(b) if so, what are the targets set up for the current year for ONGC to complete exploration and surveys in our territories; and

(c) to what extent the targets have been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) During the current year (2006-07), ONGC has set a target of acquiring 5,380 Line Kilometres of 2D and 25,795 sq. km. of 3D seismic surveys and drilling target of 138 exploratory wells. ONGC envisages accreting 147.50 MMT oil and oil equivalent of gas (O+OEG) inplace.